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# AGENDA ITEM

# Idaho Park and Recreation Special Meeting

**March 26, 2025**

**Boise, ID 83716**

**AGENDA ITEM:** Shared-Cost Trail Ranger Agreement

### ACTION REQUIRED: Information Only

**PRESENTER:** Susan E. Buxton, Director

##### PRESENTATION

##### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

##### IDPR Motorized Trails Program employs a total of 6, five-month seasonal employees as Trail Rangers to clear and maintain motorized trails throughout Idaho. These crews are IDPR-funded employees, their operational costs are IDPRs to bear, and they use IDPR equipment exclusively.

##### Recent federal layoffs have left some USFS districts scrambling to find ways to address recreational deficiencies not currently covered. Staff discussions with the Salmon-Challis National Forest have led to a proposal for IDPR to hire two additional 5-month seasonals to work out of the Challis Ranger District utilizing USFS equipment to include motorcycles, ATV’s, trucks and misc. trail equipment. The USFS would also provide housing for these employees in USFS facilities. IDPR would fund the training of these employees and cover their salary costs.

This “shared” expense approach might serve as a template for IDPR to more efficiently expand their efforts towards trail maintenance specifically, and public service in general. Staff is currently in discussions with two other rangers districts regarding the possibility of attempting to expand this approach in future years, especially if the size of the USFS remains constricted to current levels.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: N/A**